



National Immunization Program

The National Immunization Program (NIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides guidance and expertise to state and local health departments on immunization registries. These efforts are designed to help families, health care providers, and communities to get fast, efficient access to accurate immunization records.



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IMMUNIZATION REGISTRIES



Helping Children Stay Healthy

A Guide for Parents



YOUR CHILD needs immunizations to be safe from many serious diseases. There are 10 vaccine preventable diseases that your child can be protected from with 18–22 doses of immunization by the age of 6. It can be hard for parents—and for doctors' offices—to keep track of all these immunizations.

**What vaccines has your child had?
Where is her immunization record?
What vaccines does he need now?
Next year? Is your family protected?**

What is an immunization registry?

An immunization registry is a computer system that keeps track of the vaccines your child was given and when they were given. Your child's doctor or nurse collects this information about every patient. Computers make it easier to store and retrieve the information.

How does the registry help parents?

An immunization registry makes it easier for your doctor to:

- **Keep a record of your child's immunizations.**
- **Give you a copy of your child's immunization record when you need it (for day care, school, camp or another reason).**
- **Send you reminders when your child needs an immunization.**
- **Help you make sure your child's immunizations are up to date.**
- **Keep your child from getting unnecessary doses of vaccines.**

How is your privacy protected?

Information stored in a registry is confidential. Many states have laws that spell out how doctors and others can use the information. These laws include strict rules for privacy. In almost all states, parents can decide not to include their child in an immunization registry.

